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TO: Iowa Medicaid Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver Providers, Habilitation Providers, Integrated Health Homes, Targeted Case Managers, Department of Human Services (DHS) Service Workers and Managed Care Organizations (MCOs)

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: HCBS Waiver and State Plan HCBS Amendments

The IME is preparing to submit amendments of the 1915(c) HCBS Brain Injury, Children's Mental Health, Elderly, Health and Disability, Intellectual Disability, Physical Disability and AIDS/HIV Waivers and the State Plan HCBS 1915(i) Habilitation services program to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). As part of the amendment process, the state is opening a public comment period for feedback on the amendments from April 4, 2016, through May 3, 2016.

The amendments include:

- Implementing the interRAI for level of care for the Brain Injury, Children's Mental Health, Elderly, Health and Disability, Physical Disability and AIDS/HIV Waivers and state plan HCBS Habilitation program.
- Prevocational and Supported Employment service definitions, provider qualifications, and reimbursement methodology for the Brain Injury and Intellectual Disability waivers and the State Plan HCBS Habilitation program.

The draft amendments are posted on the [DHS website](#) along with other related documents. This notice is also being distributed to provider associations, consumer advocacy organizations and other interested stakeholders.

Comments regarding the draft amendments should be submitted in writing to:
HCBSsettings@dhs.state.ia.us.

The period of public comment is April 4, 2016, through 4:00 pm May 3, 2016. For persons without internet access, the waiver amendments and renewal are available for public review at the Department of Human Services County Offices.

Questions or comments concerning this notice or the proposed amendments may be addressed to: LeAnn Moskowitz, Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise, 100 Army Post Road, Des Moines, Iowa 50315 or lmoskow@dhs.state.ia.us. Comments received may be reviewed by the public by contacting Ms. Moskowitz at the above address.

All comments will be reviewed, summarized, and responses developed. Appropriate suggestions will be incorporated into the draft amendments and responses to public comments will be posted on the DHS website.